Rural electrification in hilly States of the country

†872. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of rural electrification work executed in hilly States of the country including Uttaranchal State;

(b) whether any target has been laid down for electrification of all villages and hamlets in these States; and

(c) if so, by when total electrification of these States is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) According to Central Electricity Authority (CEA) the percentage of village electrification in hilly States including Uttaranchal as on December, 2002 (Provisional) is given as under:—

SI. No.	State	%age
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	63
2.	Assam	77
3.	Manipur	92
4.	Meghalaya	47
5.	Mizoram	99
6.	Nagaiand	100
7.	Sikkim	100
8.	Tripura	95
9.	Himachal Pradesh	99
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	97
11.	Uttaranchal	81

(b) and (c) The target has been set to complete electrification of all villages by 2007.

Fund from World Bank for Power Reform in Karnataka

873. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the World Bank has not

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released even a single rupee this year to Karnataka for carrying out reforms in the power sector;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has committed to fund the State's power sector reforms; and

(d) if so, the reasons for Government to withheld clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) There is no World Bank Power Reform Project in Karnataka.

(b) to (d) The question do not arise.

Committee on electrification of rural areas

†874. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Committee has been constituted for electrification of rural areas;

(b) if so, whether the said Committee has formulated any scheme for electrification of all the villages in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Distributed generation has been identified as one of the technologies for ensuring supply of power in rural areas by way of setting up of small generating units based on a variety of local fuels alongwith localized distribution. For successful implementation of distributed generation with the involvement of local entrepreneurs and agencies, the Rural Electric Supply Technology Mission (REST) under the auspices of the Ministry of Power was constituted on 11th September, 2002.

The main purpose of this Mission would be to evolve a strategy based on technology which could provide for low cost power generation and low cost of delivery in the rural areas which can be managed by local

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